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For: VARIABLE MULCHING SYSTEM FOR)	Mail Stop Patent Application
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Mail Stop Patent Application
The Commissioner of Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

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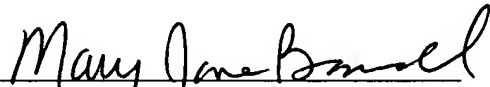
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Respectfully submitted,

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